

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Unified School District No. 435
Dickinson County**

Abilene, Kansas

April 29, 2016

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 met for a special meeting in the boardroom of the District Office at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Gregg Noel with the following members in attendance:

Mark Wilson
Randy Gassman

Barb Brittan
Jeff Bathurst

Debby Barbur

Board member Dr. Kari Porter-Murray was unable to be in attendance. Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Board Clerk - Angie Schneider, District Attorney - Debra James, HTK Architects representative - Keith Blackburn, AHS art teacher - Toni Britt and Abilene Reflector Chronicle representative - Kathy Hageman,

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Barb Brittan to approve the agenda. Mark Wilson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Action/Discussion Items

Request for Out of State Travel

Denise summarized the out of state travel request for AHS debate/finance/forensics teacher Megan Hagaman and students Breanna Prater, Dani Disney and Alec Hoover. These students qualified to compete in the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) in Salt Lake City this June. An itinerary of the trip was provided to board members. All expenses will be paid through their activity fund at the high school. Randy Gassman moved to approve the out of state travel with a second from Debby Barbur. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Update

Denise summarized the Personnel Update (attached). A motion was made by Barb Brittan to approve the update as presented. Jeff Bathurst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Facilities

District attorney Debra James was in attendance to visit with and answer questions regarding the sale of the Garfield building. Garfield was replaced with the newly built Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary. Denise has done some research with other school districts on how this type of sale is handled. Some did sealed bids while others used a Request for Proposal (RFP). Some discussion ensued regarding the public's opinion of how this building should be used. Earlier this year, open houses were held at Garfield and Eisenhower. Patrons in

attendance were encouraged to write down their wishes for the future use of Garfield. Among the top votes were use as city offices/fire department/police station and apartments/senior housing/halfway house. According to Denise, the city has no desire to purchase Garfield.

Deb James feels that an RFP is the best avenue to take. While considering what the public wants is important, the final decision needs to be in the best interest of the district. With an RFP, the district can include criteria that potential purchasers must meet in order to be considered. It will make the intent and objectives of the board clear. The first step would be for board members to pass a resolution. Deb can provide a draft showing the information needed in the resolution. The next step would be to determine the criteria desired. Items could include: purpose of the purchaser for the property, the foundation behind it and the financial viability to support it. The RFP would be sent to a list of people, some provided by HTK Architects. Local and online advertising could also be used. If none of the proposals meet the board's criteria, the building could be razed. According to Deb, razing a building would also be a process since Garfield is on the National Historic Registry. Board members were also cautioned by Deb that if sold, this will not be a money making endeavor.

Much discussion followed. General consensus of the board is to move forward with an RFP to sell Garfield. Denise has a 2014 sample from another district and will seek the assistance of Deb on this project.

Also on the horizon is the sale of the mobile classrooms at Garfield. Avenues to consider include local/online advertising and Purple Wave auctions. These classrooms will need to be moved by August 1, 2016 with the moving costs to be paid by the purchaser. Much discussion followed. Debby Barbur moved to approve the sale of the mobile classrooms as requested. A second was received by Jeff Bathurst and the motion carried unanimously. Denise will do additional research on Purple Wave and any possible local interest.

The next item up for discussion was the bucking bronco with rider statute for the high school that was presented to the board at their regular April meeting. Keith Blackburn and Toni Britt were in attendance to answer any questions that the board may have.

Keith had a handout for board members showing possible locations for the proposed statue. There was some talk of placing it on 14th street with lighting that would project it onto the building. According to Keith, that is very hard to do with a 10' 3-dimensional object. Keith feels that the best location would be at the new entrance of the high school in a "park-like" setting with benches/landscaping around it. Since construction is still underway at the high school, conduit and be run to the location so some type of lighting can be provided.

At their regular April meeting, Toni informed board members that if approved, fundraising would be done via Facebook/social media to Abilene alumni. So far, there has been a lot of interest in donating to this project.

A motion was made by Barb Brittan and seconded by Mark Wilson to allow Toni to proceed with fundraising for the statue project. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members requested that the person on the bucking bronco be as gender neutral as possible since we are the cowboys and cowgirls. Toni said she would talk to the artists regarding this matter and felt that it was doable since the cowboy hat will be pulled low on the rider's face.

The next item discussed was the contingency reserve monies on bond projects. According to HTK Architects and Coonrod & Associates, not many of the reserves have been spent yet.

Board members stated they have enjoyed watching the high school construction process proceed.

Gender-neutral restrooms were discussed.

Board members thanked Keith for his assistance through the bond construction process.

Denise then reported that she has visited with AHS administrators Ben Smith and Will Burton regarding the state athletic banners that were discussed at the regular March board meeting. They realize that it was never the board's intent to remove the banners. They will be taken down so the performance gym can be painted. The public can rest assured that all state championship team banners will be displayed.

A break was requested at 1:06 p.m. There were no objections. The meeting reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

Executive Session

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At 1:11 p.m., Debby Barbur made a motion to enter into executive session for personal matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable and to return to open session in this room at 1:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Barb Brittan and the motion carried unanimously. Denise was invited to join the executive session.

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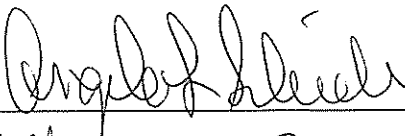
Board members discussed the need for a sidewalk that runs from the middle school to Sonic. This route is walked by a lot of students and they feel it is a safety issue. Denise stated that she believes that city has something in the works for this.

Traffic flow at the new high school entrance was also discussed.

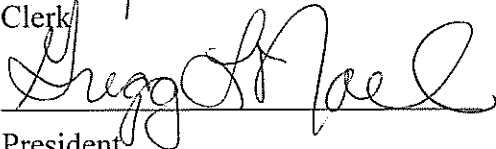
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There being no further business, a motion was made by Barb Brittan to adjourn the meeting. Mark Wilson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update
Action for April 29, 2016

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Rebecca Kobiski	Asst. AHS cross country coach	Resigned
Classified	Jon Gose	Asst. AHS softball coach	Resigned

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Dakota Kaufman	Kennedy teacher
Classified	Gina Tholen	Paraprofessional sub
Classified	Jaden Walters	Summer tech help
Classified	Jacob Gillispie	Summer tech help
Classified	Patti Coup	Tr. from Kennedy character ed./art aide to Eisenhower media/keyboarding/title aide

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Current positions open – April 29, 2016

Kennedy character ed./art aide
AHS assistant cross country coach
AHS assistant softball coach
AHS finance/debate/forensics teacher
Kennedy teacher
AMS assistant volleyball coach
ABC afterschool program subs
Substitute bus drivers
Substitute food service
Substitute custodians
Substitute teachers

*Upon receipt of signed contracts, the Board of Education President is authorized to sign.